

CLAIMS

1. An orally administered pharmaceutical formulation comprising at least one active pharmaceutical ingredient capable of intraoral uptake and cocoa powder.
- 5 2. The formulation according to claim 1 further comprising at least one lipid.
3. The formulation according to claim 2 wherein said lipid ingredient is selected from the group consisting of
 cocoa butter, cocoa butter equivalents, cocoa butter substitutes, cocoa butter
 replacers, cocoa butter improvers, coconut, palmkernel oil, palm oil, shea butter, karite
10 butter, illipe butter, mango kernel oil, sal fat, corn oil, sunflower oil, hybrid sunflower
 oil, soybean oil, rapeseed oil, canola oil, olive oil, ricebran oil, cottonseed oil, arachis
 (peanut, groundnut) oil, fish oil, tallow, lard, butterfat and mixtures thereof.
4. The formulation according to claim 3, wherein said lipid comprises a member
 selected from the group consisting of cocoa butter equivalents, cocoa butter substitutes
15 and cocoa butter replacers.
5. The formulation according to claim 1, further comprising at least one
 buffering agent.
6. The formulation according to claim 5, wherein said buffering agent is
 selected from the group consisting of carbonates, bicarbonates, acetates, gluconates,
20 glycerophosphates, phosphates or glycinate of sodium, potassium or ammonium, and
 mixtures thereof.
7. The formulation according to claim 1, further comprising at least one
 sweetener.
8. The formulation according to claim 7, wherein said at least one sweetener is
25 selected from the group consisting of sucrose, aspartame, acesulfame potassium,
 saccharine, sodium saccharine, cyclamate, glycyrrhizine, thaumatin, sucralose,
 dihydrochalcon, neohesperidin dihydrochalcone, alitame, miraculin, monellin, stevia
 and salts and mixtures thereof.
9. The formulation according to claim 1, further comprising at least one
30 emulsifier.
10. The formulation according to claim 9, wherein said emulsifier is selected
 from the group consisting of
 lecithin, poloxamer, polyoxyethylene alkyl ether, polyoxyethylene castor oil
 derivative, polyoxyethylene sorbitan fatty acid ester, monoglyce- ride, diglyceride and

esther thereof, polyoxyethylene stearate, polyglycerolester of fatty acids sorbitan fatty acid ester, fatty acid, soap of fatty acid, lactylate, especially sodium and/or calcium stearylactylate, sodium lauryl sulfate, latanol, phosphatidylcholine, phosphatidylethanolamine, and mixtures thereof.

5 11. The formulation according to claim 10, wherein said one or more emulsifier is lecithin.

 12. The formulation according to claim 1, further comprising a taste modifier, selected from the group consisting of sodium chloride, monosodium glutamate and ammonium glycyrrhizinate.

10 13. The formulation according to claim 1, further comprising a coloring agent, selected from the group consisting of titanium dioxide, iron oxides and aluminum lakes.